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GUIDED MISSILE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

12 March 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT : Support to [REDACTED] Project
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25X1C 1. The Guided Missile Intelligence Committee has received from the Central Intelligence Agency representative the attached memorandum regarding an informal [REDACTED] support to an infrared collection project. In anticipation of a formal [REDACTED] request through appropriate channels, this Committee has investigated the feasibility of the project by taking the following action: 25X1C

25X1D a. The Committee was briefed by USAF representatives on the use [REDACTED] collection mechanism. This briefing also outlined certain USAF planned [REDACTED] projects and pointed up the value to the U. S. intelligence community of the results of a test such as that proposed [REDACTED] 25X1D 25X1C [REDACTED]

25X1C b. The Committee was briefed by Army representatives relative to current Army programs for the detection and tracking of guided missiles [REDACTED] The Army also commented favorably on the value to be derived [REDACTED] 25X1D 25X1C [REDACTED]

c. The Joint Staff representative advised the Office of the Secretary of Defense of the anticipated [REDACTED] request and reported to the Committee that the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) indicated great interest in the project. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) believed that the proposed

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25X1C [REDACTED] program would involve principally military research and development resources and therefore felt that any formal [REDACTED] proposal should be referred at the earliest possible moment to the Office of the Secretary of Defense for further consideration.

2. The Committee has concluded that, if successful, this collection project will provide valuable information relative to the Soviet guided missile program. Even if the tests prove unsuccessful, the results will be of great value to agencies engaged in research and development projects in the infrared field.

3. In consideration of the above, and in view of the critical requirement for information on the Soviet guided missile program, the Guided Missile Intelligence Committee recommends that the Intelligence Advisory Committee consider favorably [REDACTED] support in the testing of [REDACTED] missile intelligence collection equipment. 25X1C 25X1D

4. It is further recommended that all information relative to this project now available or received prior to [REDACTED] request be forwarded immediately to the Office of the Secretary of Defense for further consideration and preliminary planning. 25X1C

/s/ GEORGE H. WILSON
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